

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 12, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 9, 1/2/2017
Executive Action: SB 81-Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 9**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:43 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 9, Provide for primary enforcement of seatbelt laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:04 Mike Tooley, director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
00:11:31 Sheila Hogan, director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
00:16:20 Anna O'Donnell, AAA/MountainWest
00:19:13 Barry McKenzie, physician, St. Vincent's Healthcare, Billings
00:22:25 Ken Crippen, American Trucking and Transportation Company, Missoula
00:26:26 Pat Goldhahn, self

[EXHIBIT\(jus09a01\)](#)

00:33:05 Brian Inman, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)
00:34:52 Anna Earl, physician, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(jus09a02\)](#)

00:37:22 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:38:53 William Gallea, Montana Medical Association, also for American College of Emergency Physicians
00:39:52 Rebecca Sturdevant, self

[EXHIBIT\(jus09a03\)](#)

00:43:35 Teresa Augustine, physician, Helena, also for Montana Chapter of American Association of Pediatrics, Montana Medical Association
00:44:30 Mary Anne Guggenheim, physician, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(jus09a04\)](#)

00:47:09 Lori Byron, physician, Crow Indian Reservation
00:48:59 Carl Peil, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

[EXHIBIT\(jus09a05\)](#)

00:50:12 Ryder Meyer, self, Fairfield
00:52:10 Isabelle Earl, self

[EXHIBIT\(jus09a06\)](#)

00:52:49 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

[EXHIBIT\(jus09a07\)](#)

00:54:01 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Med Center, also for Helena School Board
00:54:57 Mike Foster, St. Vincent Healthcare/Sisters of Charity Leavenworth Health System, also for Benefis Hospital Great Falls, St. Peters Hospital, Helena, and Bozeman Deaconess
00:55:52 James Driggers, self, member, Governor's Advisory Council for Traumatic Brain Injury

00:57:06 Barry "Spook" Stang, executive vice president, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
 00:59:10 Ed Bartlett, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 01:00:16 Nicholas Ververis, self, Superior
 01:01:01 Ron Gleason, chief executive officer, Mineral County Community Hospital,
 Superior
 01:03:57 Erin McGowan, Association Public Health Officials, also for Montana Public
 Health Association

EXHIBIT(jus09a08)

01:05:02 Jon Metropoulos, American Insurance Association, Farmers Insurance Group,
 State Farm Insurance
 01:06:05 Roman Zylawy, retired, Montana Highway Patrolman, commissioner, Mineral
 County, Superior
 01:10:15 Lee Sturdevant, self
 01:12:33 Jerry Williams, Montana Association Chiefs of Police, Montana Police Protective
 Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:04 Pascal Redfern, self
 01:19:51 Mark French, self, Plains
 01:30:22 Bob Leach, self

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:36 Sen. MacDonald
 01:35:56 Anna O'Donnell, AAA/MW
 01:36:06 Sen. Swandal
 01:36:46 Miss Earl, self
 01:37:37 Sen. Swandal
 01:38:04 Mr. Stang, MCM
 01:38:31 John Iverson, self (not testified previously)
 01:38:54 Sen. Sands
 01:40:20 Mr. Tooley, MDT
 01:41:50 Sen. Hinkle

 01:42:07 Sen. Sales entered the hearing room.

 01:42:32 Sen. Barrett
 01:42:49 Sen. Hinkle
 01:43:29 Mr. Driggers, self
 01:44:13 Mr. Stang
 01:45:42 Chairman Regier
 01:46:04 Mr. Inman, AMT
 01:46:34 Sen. Sales
 01:47:00 Mr. Inman

01:49:58 Sen. Hinebauch
01:50:32 Mr. Stang
01:52:54 Sen. Fielder
01:53:39 Mr. French, self
01:55:47 Sen. Fielder
01:56:29 Mr. Goldhahn, self

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:59 Sen. Barrett

(Sen. Gross left the hearing room.)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

02:00:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 81 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gross voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:04 P.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([jus09aad.pdf](#))